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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Erik Leonard Hoffman) Examiner: David C. Comstock
Serial No.: 10/037,318) Art Unit: 3732
Filed: November 7, 2001)
Title: FASTENING ELEMENT FOR AN)
IMPLANT, IN PARTICULAR A HIP)
PROSTHESIS)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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This is in response to the Final Office Action dated February 24, 2005. Prior to examination, please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.